

Calendar

Wednesday

6:30pm - Faith 'n' Friends

8:00pm - Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday

8:40am - Prayer Time

9:00am - Worship Service (see right for more details for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday)

10:30am - Sunday School for all Ages

Looking Ahead

January 20

6:00pm - Council Meeting

January 25

10:30am - Annual Congregational Meeting

Today:

9:00am - Worship Service

10:30am - Sunday School for all

Ages

Please fill out the Connection Card on the reverse side so we can know you were with us today!

We'd love to connect with you online as well! See below for our most active channels:

Web: www.lwflc.org

Facebook:

[facebook.com/livingwordfreelutheran](https://www.facebook.com/livingwordfreelutheran)

Twitter @lwflc

What's Happening at Living Word & Beyond?

Angel Tree Donations Bless Children's Inn

By Robin Weiner

Huge thanks to all who contributed to the Angel Tree for Children's Inn this year, sponsored by Food for the Soul and our Missions, Evangelism and Outreach team here at Living Word!

In late September, our congregation was contacted by the Children's Inn, noting above average numbers of people needing safe shelter and support. Their supply of basic necessities is stocked primarily through gifts and donations, as they strive to "pave the way to a life free of violence" for women and children in our community.

After four weeks of collecting grocery donations at Living Word, representatives from the Food for the Soul team delivered a truck full of groceries to the Children's Inn on New Year's Day. Staff were overjoyed when we opened the back of the truck, and they were so grateful for our congregation's help in restocking their shelves for the coming year. The children from our team that helped with the delivery also had a great morning, lugging groceries one or two sacks at



a time, learning the true joy of serving others!

1 Peter 4:10-11: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

If you have interest in the Food for the Soul team, contact Kelli Moffitt or Robin Weiner anytime. And for more information about Missions, Evangelism and Outreach, contact LeRoy Larson.

Join Us Next Week for an Exciting Morning at LW!

Colonel John Eidsmoe, AFLC pastor and Mississippi state guard colonel, will be joining us to teach on the sanctity of human life during the worship service and during adult Bible study. We will also be joined by the AFLBS women's ensemble, a group of young women from our Bible school who will share music and testimony with us.

Other: Dorene Gaard's brother (Kent Scott), Doreen Miller & family, Kelli Moffitt & family, Marianne Siegfried & family, Barb Sperling & family, Lori Grimes & family

Baby Coming to: Craig & Ashley Doeden

Active Military: Austin VanMeveren, Garret & Jennie VanMeveren, Clayton VanMeveren

Living Word Request:

Please pray for the next step in the pastoral call process as the Nominating Committee invites a candidate to Living Word to preach and meet our congregation in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for all involved in this process as we/they seek to know & follow God's will.

Youth News

Join us Jan. 30th - Feb 1st at The Association Retreat Center for the 2015 Winter Youth Retreat! The Sno Daze retreat is for kids grade 4 - 7, and these kids will go swimming at our local indoor pool. The Side X Side retreat is for students in grade 7 through 12, and these older students can go to Trollhaugen Ski Resort to go skiing & snowboarding- (optional).

This year's Sno Daze speaker is Pastor Eric Westlake, and our Side X Side speaker is Pastor Brian Ricke! Both events will include lots of delicious food, games, music and winter fun! Visit us online at www.arc-aflc.org to register, or call us at 715-294-2877 for more info. The cost for the event is \$100 per student, not including skiing or canteen.

Open House

You are invited to Linda Hebert's Retirement Open House on Sunday, January 18 from 2 - 4 PM at Living Word. Please join Linda in celebrating this milestone!

Pray This Week For: *(Please send requests and/or updates to prayer@lwflc.org)*

Recent Request:

Please pray for the family of Myrtle Brekke as she passed away this week.

Please pray for Cliff Hrdlicka, Cindy Stevens' father, as he's been diagnosed with lung cancer & has received a poor prognosis. Pray for effective chemo & radiation treatments, pain relief, and strength & peace for the entire family as they put their trust in God.

Please pray for Margaret Samp as she recovers from a broken shin bone & growth plate through her ankle.

Ongoing Requests:

Cancer: Jan Mobley, Pastor Mike Brandt, Pastor Richard Gilman (grandfather of Sara Oakland), Cliff Hrdlicka (Cindy Stevens' father)

Health: Arden & Dottie Egan, Stephanie Person, Mark Joffer & Sherry DeNeui's mother (Shirley), Dakota Case, Chuck & Jennifer Case, Jerry Kratochvil, Angel Luttmann, Randy Marsh's niece, Elizabeth Dutton, Pauline Wolters

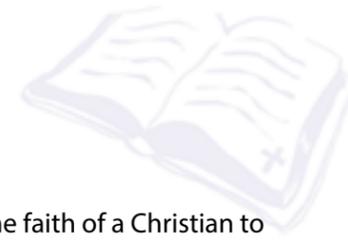
Bible Readings

January Reading Plan

Tomorrow begins a fifteen-day reading and devotional plan that takes a look at ways to connect with God and with each other and how we are "Better Together." This week's readings are below. Head to the Scripture Readings page at Living Word's website for a more in-depth overview of the study as well as links to each day's corresponding devotional.

Monday:	Philippians 2:12-13
Tuesday:	Philippians 3:8-11
Wednesday:	Psalms 23:1-3
Thursday:	Philippians 3:12-15
Friday:	Genesis 16:1-13; Philippians 2:12-13

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Sermon Preview

Running Into The New Year | Hebrews 12:1-3

In Hebrews chapter twelve, the Bible compares the faith of a Christian to running and finishing a race. God calls and encourages us to keep running toward the finish line and not give up. Regardless of the life's struggles we might experience in the years to come, God has provided all the encouragement we need to keep running.

Unfortunately many Christians today find themselves unprepared to run the distance that is required to finish the race and they give up. When difficulties and struggles arise in their lives, they neither have the inspiration nor the endurance to keep running and sadly they fail to make it to the finish line.

In this morning's message, we are going to look at the encouragements God has provided for each of us to prepare, train and keep running in the race so we can all meet Him at the finish line.

David Lusk, Pastoral Intern at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church



Sermon Notes

Running Into The New Year (Hebrews 12:1-3)

- I. Encouragement through Inspiration
- II. Encouragement through Freedom
- III. Encouragement through Jesus

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Living Word blog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer Request Notifications
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Please place this card in the offering plate or on the Welcome Table. Prayer requests and updates can be sent to prayer@lwflc.org.

Visiting us today?

We are so glad you are with us today! Please visit the Welcome Center for more information about Living Word and sign our Guest Register or fill out the form to the right. Join us for fellowship in the Narthex after the service.

Here are some things you might want to know:

- Nursery is available after the Tithes and Offerings portion of the service for children through three years of age.
- Sunday School for all ages is at 10:30am. Please visit the Welcome Center to learn more about the Christian Education opportunities for children, youth and adults.
- To find out more about our larger church body, the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC), please visit the Welcome Center or our web site at www.lwflc.org/freelutheran.



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Call to Worship - Hebrews 12:28-29

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Rejoice, The Lord is King

Confession of Sin

Absolution / Assurance

Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings (nursery open for children age 3 and under)

Prayer Time

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 14:22-33

Message: Running Into The New Year (Hebrews 12:1-3)

- by Pastoral Intern David Lusk

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction